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2. The forest areas directly east of Schwerin (T-46) and in the Derrain (P-10)-Neustrelitz (U-54)-Prenzlau (Q-04) triangle have been barred to civilians and filled with Red Army troop concentrations. These troops may not leave their districts.

The Schwerin District

1. Approximately 20,000 motorized troops are now occupying the Buchholz Forest (T-45), east of Schwerin. They are billeted in five large Wehrmacht ammunition warehouses and in an old German Army clothing depot. The formations include infantry, artillery, armored force, reconnaissance, and signal units, the armored force units being equipped with Stalin and Bulldog (sic) tanks.
2. The former clothing depot in the Buchholz Forest has been taken over by "several" oversized companies of troops (200-300 men per company), each possessing 125 Russian trucks. A large automotive repair shop is also stationed at the depot.
3. The Red Army has built a large underground ammunition depot in the Buchholz Forest at Komsrade, seven kilometers SE of Schwerin, near the Schwerin-Ludwigslust railroad line.
4. The former German Army maneuver area at Zippendorf, in the forests eight kilometers east of Schwerin, is now an armored force training station. Three to four hundred Russian tanks are permanently maintained there.
5. Source estimates that a total of sixty to seventy thousand first-line combat troops are occupying the forests east of Schwerin, including the Buchholz Forest. This total does not include the youthful recruits, numbering two to three thousand men, who are performing routine occupation duties in the city of Schwerin. These are under separate commands.

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The Demmin-Neustadtitz-Prenzlau Triangle

7. The former German munitions factory in the Wolde Forest, twelve kilometers SE of Demmin (P-50), has been converted into a military installation. The 150 barracks which the Russians have improvised accommodate two motorized artillery training regiments. They are equipped with 105mm field pieces.
8. The airfield at Tutow (P-60), east of Demmin, is being used as a training center for Russian pilots. About fifty training planes are based on the field.
9. Large numbers of trees are being felled in the forest districts near Demmin. The lumber is trimmed and then hauled to the coast around Stralsund (P-44) and Dohran (O-72) and on the Darz and Zingst peninsulas where it is used in the construction of fortifications.

The Neustettin District

10. Subsource believes that a modern motorized Red Army corps, consisting entirely of German volunteers, is occupying the former Wehrmacht maneuver area at Gross-Born (R-98).

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